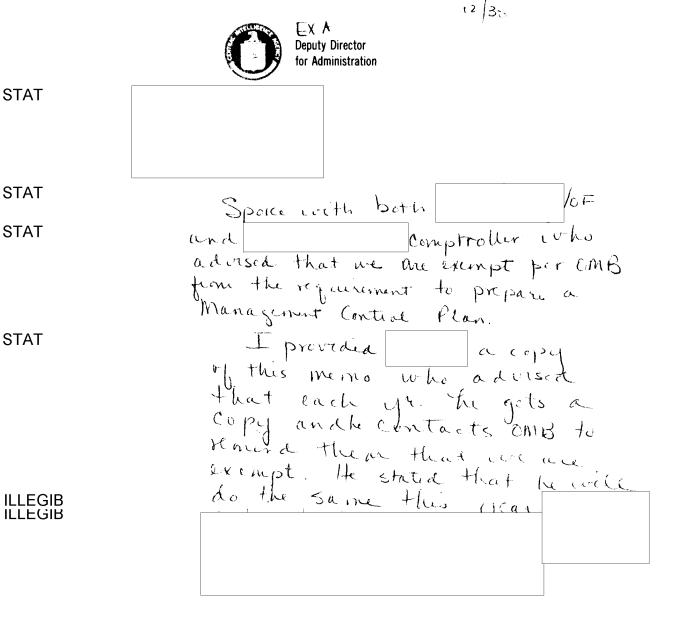
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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

FROM:

Joseph R. Wright, Jr.

Chairman, President's Council

Integrity and Efficiency and

Deputy Director of the Office of Management

and Budget

SUBJECT:

Achieving the Goals of the Federal Managers'

Financial Integrity Act

The Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act requires that you forward to the President and the Congress a report on your Agency's activities, problems and accomplishments in the areas of financial and operating controls by the end of this month.

This Act and the implementing guidance contained in OMB Circular A-123 "Internal Control Systems," have resulted in a government-wide program that identified more than 1,500 material weaknesses in the way we operate our Executive Branch agencies—we have already corrected over 1,100 of them.

While our progress in some areas is impressive, much remains to be done for us to be able to certify that all agency heads are truly "in control" of their operations. In order to make sure this happens, your agency already has been asked to prepare a Management Control Plan (MCP) which is to be issued and in effect by December 31, 1987. This Plan will be reviewed by your Inspector General and include an inventory of your agency's operations, "risk ratings" of the various areas and a description of the internal control reviews that will be performed over the next five years.

This "MCP" represents your strategy for achieving the goals of the Integrity Act and OMB Circular A-123 and you can expect that this plan will be reviewed carefully by Congress since it will reflect your program to improve your agency's delivery of services in a more controlled and improved management fashion.

Since this is the first time for the plan, I request that you and your Deputy personally review and approve your agency's plan. During 1988, I would like you to ask your Deputy to personally continue to oversee the program by monitoring adherence to the time frames for conducting scheduled control reviews and correcting identified major--or "material" weaknesses. Slippage in either area will seriously impair the program and reflect adversely on our ability to meet the goals of the Act.

DCI EXEC REG Our Chief Financial Officer of the Government, Gerald R. Riso, will be working with your people to review the MCP's and advise you of their completeness and adequacy. However, you and your deputy's continued oversight of the program is necessary if we are to achieve the planned results. After all, this is our Administration's promise to the taxpayers, and the Congress, that they are getting the government they pay for. Thank you.

cc: Deputy Heads of Departments and Establishments
President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency
President's Council on Management Improvement
Agency Chief Financial Officers